



June 22, 2006

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin

FROM: Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director

RE: Measure A Allocation – Marin County Transit District - Strategy 1, Agenda Item 11

Dear Commissioners:

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**Recommendation: Staff recommends that TAM approve the MCTD funding allocation for FY 2006-07.**

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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,462,000</b>	<b>\$5,897,000</b>	<b>\$8,023,598</b>

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## **TAM RESOLUTION NO. 2006-09**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN FOR THE ALLOCATION OF MEASURE A, STRATEGY 1 FUNDS TO THE MARIN COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the voters of Marin County approved the authorization of Measure A at the General Election held on November 2, 2004, thereby authorizing that TAM be given the responsibility to administer the proceeds from a one-half cent transaction and use tax; and

WHEREAS, the duration of the tax will be 20 years from the initial year of collection, which began April 1, 2005, with said tax to terminate on March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the tax proceeds will be used to pay for the programs and projects outlined in TAM's Expenditure Plan; and

WHEREAS, TAM has developed a Strategic Plan and will update it every two years; and

WHEREAS, MCTD has developed a Short Range Transit Plan and will update it every two years with public input, to evaluate all transit investments based on performance measurement and to specify projects and programs that carry out goals and objectives of the Plan, and

WHEREAS, local funds for public bus transit are provided, under Measure A, to MCTD to be used for planning and implementing services that are tailored to the needs of local residents; and

WHEREAS, MCTD will use these funds to invest in four sub-strategies, focusing on the local bus transit system, rural bus transit system, special needs transit system, and bus transit facilities, as defined and proportioned in the Expenditure Plan, Strategic Plan and Short Range Transit Plan, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Authority of Marin does hereby approve the following allocations for Measure A, Strategy 1 funds for the period July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007:

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PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Transportation Authority of Marin held on the 22nd day of June 2006, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOTES:

ABSENT:

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Steve Kinsey, Chair  
Transportation Authority of Marin

ATTEST:

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Dianne Steinhauser  
Executive Director